(g) is it a fact that the bills of the Superintendent and his office were paid in full from this Rs. 900?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) The additional allotment applied for by the Superintendent was for Rs. 1,150 as shown below:—

1. T. A. bills of District Registrars and their establishments from Kumbham to Edavam 1106 pending countersignature of the Superintendent	Rs.	530—8—0
2. Do of the Superintendent of Registration for Medam to Mithunam 1106 pending countersignature by the Diwan	,,	428—2—0
3. Do establishment of the Superintendent of Registration for Mithunam 1106	,,	71—7—0
4. Do of the District Registrars and their establishments for Mithunam 1106 due in the Superintendent's office (Probable minimum)	,,	127—4—0
Total	,,	1,157—5—0
Balance of allotment available	,,	7—5—0
Balance required	,,	1,150—0—0

An amount of Rs. 900 alone was sanctioned.

(b) All the pending bills of 1106.

(c) Yes, if all the amounts billed had to be paid.

(d) When the excess claims were disallowed, there was no deficit.

(e) The amounts claimed were not allowed in full in certain cases, because the Superintendent was not satisfied with the propriety of the claims.

(f) There was no reduction at definite rates. The amounts disallowed and the names of officers concerned are given in appendix. (*Appendix III.*)

(g) Bills of the Superintendent for Medam, Edavam and Mithunam 1106, as passed for payment by the Diwan, were paid from the allotment sanctioned. Bill of the Superintendent's office for Mithunam 1106 was also paid in full from the above allotment.

Representations—Special Constituencies and Nominations.

661. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) from which of the communities in the State have representations been received for communal nominations or for grant of special constituencies; what was the reply given to each of them;

(b) on what grounds are the existing special constituencies and nominations granted;

(c) what is the population of the communities to which special constituencies are now allowed and what is the percentage of literacy amongst these communities?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) i. *For special constituencies.*—Nambudiries, Anglo-Indians, Ezhuvas, Ezhuthassans and Valans.

ii. *For nomination.*—Nambudiries, Anglo-Indians, Valans and Arayans; Christian ladies, Kshatriyas (Thirumulpads), Muslims, Pattaryas, Nestorians, Pulayas, Guzeratties, Perumanrans, Protestant, Marthoma, Chaldean, Syrian and Anglican communities, Gowd Saraswat;

One petitioner was informed that the request would be considered at the time of making nominations. In other cases no replies were given.

(b) The existing special constituencies and nominations are granted with a view partly to give representation to special interests such as planters and land-holders and partly to provide for backward communities.

(c)

	Total population.	Percentage of literacy
Ezhuvas	2,76,649	20·8
Muslims	87,902	13·7
Jews	1,451	39·1

Information regarding land-holders and planters is not available.

Excise Defalcation Case—Settlement by Government.

662. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a copy of the petition presented to the Government by some of the Members of the Second Legislative Council to the effect that the Civil Case with regard to the Excise defalcation against Mr. M. A. Chakko, the late Excise Superintendent, be settled by Government;

2. whether Mr. Thomas Manjuran, the new Judge of the Chief Court appointed to try the said case, was one of the petitioners;

3. what action was taken by Government on this petition?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—1. Copy is placed on the table. (*Appendix IV*).

2. Yes.

3. No action was taken.

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